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LETTER DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the annexed letter dated 23 February 1994 from Mr. Mohammed Said al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, concerning the continuation of aggressive and provocative acts by United States and British aircraft engaged in dropping leaflets, and also the dispatch by the rulers of Kuwait of remote-controlled aircraft for the purpose of dropping leaflets in Iraqi territory.

I should be grateful if you would have my letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 23 February 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to refer to my letters to you dated, respectively, 9 and 16 December 1993 and 12 January 1994, which gave detailed information on the hostile and provocative acts carried out by United States and other warplanes flying out of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to violate Iraqi airspace and drop provocative and hostile leaflets containing inflammatory propaganda against Iraq.

By the present letter, I wish to provide you with the following additional data established by the competent Iraqi authorities:

1. On Tuesday and Wednesday, 25 and 26 January 1994, the rulers of Kuwait sent a number of remote-controlled pilotless aircraft into Iraqi airspace over Basra Governorate. These aircraft, using electronic timers, dropped provocative leaflets containing inflammatory propaganda against Iraq on various parts of Basra.

2. At 1100 hours on Tuesday, 25 January 1994, one of these Kuwaiti aircraft came down in the area of Shu'aybah in Basra Governorate after dropping its load of leaflets hostile to Iraq and the Iraqi people, which had been prepared by the rulers of Kuwait for the purposes of their provocative and hostile project.

3. On the morning of 25 January 1994, a number of hostile United States and British aircraft coming from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia violated Iraqi airspace and dropped hostile leaflets on various parts of Basra Governorate.

4. The warplanes referred to in paragraph 3 above continued to violate Iraqi airspace on 26, 27 and 28 January 1994 and dropped hostile leaflets on Safwan, Shu'aybah, the centre of the city of Basra, Jabal Sanam, Qurnah and Dair.

In condemning these hostile and provocative acts, we hold the rulers of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait entirely responsible for their participation in the commission of acts of aggression against Iraq and for all the extensive material damage and threats to the security, economy, political integrity and morale of Iraq and the Iraqi people, resulting therefrom.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
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of the Republic of Iraq
Baghdad, 13 Ramadan A.H. 1414
23 February A.D. 1994